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July 1, 2016

## Via Hand Delivery

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: WC Docket No. 14-58

2016 ETC Annual Report of Mound Bayou Telephone & Communications,

Inc.

Study Area Code 280462

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Mound Bayou Telephone & Communications, Inc. ("Company"), JSI files the attached confidential version of the FCC Form 481 ETC annual reporting information pursuant to sections 54.313 and 54.422 of the Commission's rules. Company seeks confidential treatment under Protective Order for section 54.313(f)(2) financial information. The redacted version is being filed this date via the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System. In addition, attached is a letter requesting confidential treatment under Sections 0.457 and 0.459 of the Company's Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan Progress Report required by Section 54.313.

Please direct any questions regarding the filing to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

John Kuykendall JSI Vice President 301-459-7590

jkuykendall@jsitel.com

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313, 54.422.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Connect America Fund et al., WC Docket Nos. 10-90 and 14-58, Protective Order, DA 16-296 rel. March 22, 2016 (Protective Order). 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(f)(2).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.457, 0.459, 54.313.



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Study Area Code 280462 Request for Confidentiality

Dear Ms. Dortch:

John Staurulakis, Inc. ("JSI"), on behalf of its client Mound Bayou Telephone & Communications, Inc. (the "Company") hereby requests, pursuant to Sections 0.457 and 0.459 of the Commission's rules, withholding from public inspection certain information contained in an attachment to the above referenced reporting requirement. The Company provides the following in support of its request, numbered consistent with the subparagraphs of Section 0.459(b).<sup>2</sup>

- 1. The information for which the Company is seeking confidential treatment is an attachment to the Company's annual reporting information pursuant to Sections 54.313 and 54.422 of the Commission's rules ("Report").<sup>3</sup>
- 2. Pursuant to Section 54.313, Rate-of-Return Eligible Telecommunications Carriers ("ETCs") must file with the Commission a Progress Report on its Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan ("Progress Report") which is contained in the attachment to the 2016 Report.<sup>4</sup>
- 3. The information contained in attachment for which the Company seeks the withholding from public inspection is the entirety of data pertaining to the Company's Progress Report provided at FCC Form 481 Line 112 attachment.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.457, 0.459.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 0.459(b)(1) through (9).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313, 54.422.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313.

Information of this nature is confidential commercial information routinely withheld from public inspection.

4. With respect to identifying the degree to which the subject attachment concerns a service that is subject to competition, the information is of a financial and competitive nature regarding the provision of telecommunications services. The Line 112 attachment contains competitively sensitive information related to proposed improvements or upgrades and maintenance the Company's network.

In its March 5, 2013 Order, the FCC. The FCC specified that for rate-of-return carriers, the five-year plans "should describe the carrier's network improvement plan, which should provide greater visibility into current plans to extend broadband service to unserved locations in rate-of-return service territories." The Company's Progress Report updates this information as well as provides maps and detailed information as to whether or not network improvement objectives were achieved at the wire center level. Accordingly, because the Company is a rate-of-return carrier, it must file Progress Reports which contain proprietary, competitively sensitive information related to the Company's existing network including the specific locations of customers as well as describe proposed improvements or upgrades and maintenance of its network throughout its service area. Specifically, this information sets forth services provided by the Company over its existing network including specific locations of customers as well as planned network improvement and maintenance for the years 2015 through 2019 including project start and completion dates, population that will be impacted by the improvements and upgrades at the wire center level and projected capital costs associated with the improvements and upgrades and operating costs associated with maintaining the network including depreciation for investments that have already been made. As such, this information contains competitively sensitive information related to the Company's existing network as well as detailed plans at the wire center level for network upgrades and maintenance projected for the years 2015 through 2019.

5. With respect to identifying possible exposure to competitive harm, the information contained in the Line 112 attachment is information that is not customarily released to the public. This information is proprietary to the Company, is unique to the Company's serving territory and is only known to the Company and its authorized agents. If the Information is not protected, it would have economic value to potential competitors who would be able to target their marketing to specific customers. In a competitive telecommunications marketplace, this type of information is highly sensitive. If publicly disclosed, it would enable competitors to craft business plans that capitalize on their knowledge of the locations of the Company's customers which would place the Company at a competitive disadvantage.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See Connect America Fund et al., WC Docket 10-90 et al., Order, DA 13-332 (rel. Mar. 5, 2013) ("March 5, 2013 Order") at para 9 citing Section 54.202(a) (1) (ii).

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- 6. With respect to steps the Company has taken to ensure against unauthorized disclosure of the information contained in the attachment, the Company is filing the attachment under seal. The Company uses the information contained in the Progress Report to ensure that its customers continue to receive state-of-the-art high quality telecommunications and broadband services that the Company has been providing to them for many years as well as to satisfy mandatory reporting requirements and does not share the information for which protection is sought. The Company protects the secrecy of this information with a security protocol that ensures the information is not inadvertently disclosed or disseminated. Only directors, managers and employees with a direct need to know are authorized to access the information.
- 7. Any previous versions of this information are not publicly available.
- 8. Because the information is not routinely available, a need exists for maintaining the confidentiality of this information permanently.
- 9. Not applicable.

Based on the preceding, JSI respectfully requests on behalf of the Company that the Commission grant confidential treatment under Section 0.459 to Company's Progress Report provided at FCC Form 481 Line 112 attachment.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,

John Kuykendall JSI Vice President

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FCC For	rm 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection Form	REDACTED FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<035>	Contact Telephone Number: Number of the person identified in data line	6017643463 ext. <030>	
<039>	Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line <0	30> rbennett@nexband.com	
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FCC Form 481

Additional Control No. 3060-0986/CMB Contr	(100) S	ervice Quality Improvement Reporting		FCC Form 481
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If your answer to Line <110- is yes, do you have an existing \$54.202(a) "5  vear plan" filed with the FCC?  If your answer to Line <111> is yes, please file a progress report, on line <112- delineating the status of your company's existing \$54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service.  4112- Attach Five-Year Service Quality improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. \$54.313(a)(1). If your company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.  Name of Attached Document  Please select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to \$54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.  4113- Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets 4114- Report how much universal service (USF) support was received 4115- How much (USF) was used to improve service quality and how support was used to improve service coverage 4116- How much (USF) was used to improve service coverage and how support was used to improve service coverage 4117- How much (USF) was used to improve service coverage and how support was used to improve service capacity 4118- Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met  Name of Attached Document  Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes  Ye	<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	rbennett@nexband.	d.com
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(200) Service Outage Reporting (Voice)	FCC Form 481
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	July 2013

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(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data		FCC Form 481				
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(710) Broadbrand Price Offerings	FCC Form 481
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<811>	Holding Company	Fail Telecommunication Corporation		
<812>	Operating Company	Mound Bayou Telephone & Communications, Inc.		

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<900>	Does the filing entity offer tribal land services? (Y/N)	No	
<910>	Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves		
<920>	Tribal Government Engagement Obligation	Name of Attached Document	
to confi demons	ompany serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes,No, NA) for each these boxes rm the status described on the attached document(s), on line 920, trates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to 8(a)(9) includes:	Select Yes or No or Not Applicable	
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<923>	Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;		
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(1000) V	pice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability		FCC Form 481
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<1010>	Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance	Name of Attached Do	cument
		Name of Attached Do	cument
<1020>	Broadband comparability certification	Yes - Pricing is no more that the Wireline Competition Bur	n the most recent applicable benchmark announced by eau
<1030>	Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance	Name of Attached Do	ocument
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<1100>	Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)	Yes	
<1130>	Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).	kbps	

(1200) Te	erms and Condition for Lifeline Customers	FCC Form 481
Lifeline		OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
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<1210>	Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans	
		Name of Attached Document
<1220>	Link to Public Website HTTP	
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	heck these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210,	
	bsite listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to	
	(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must	
annually i	report:	
<1221>	Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice	
112217	telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers,	
<1222>	Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,	
\122Z>	Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,	
<1223>	Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.	

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	tract relephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <0502	bennett@nexband.com		
(033)	tact Email Address Email Address of person identified in data fine 10502			
	appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note co ct America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c)			
Inc	remental Connect America Phase I reporting			
<2010>	2nd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(i) - Note th	at for the July 1		
	2016 certification, this applies to Round 2 recipients of	Incremental		
	Support			
<2011>	3rd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(ii) - Note th	at for the July 1		
\2011>	2016 certification, this applies to Round 1 recipients of			
		IIICI ementai		
	Support			
<2022>	Recipient certifies, representing year two after filing a n			
	acceptance of funding pursuant to 54.312(c), that the lo			
	question are not receiving support under the Broadbane	d Initiatives		
	Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Pr	rogram for		
	projects that will provide broadband with speeds of at le	east 4		
	Mbps/1Mbps - 54.313(b)(2)(i). Round 2 recipients only.			
<2023>	The attachment on line 2024 includes a statement of th			
\2023/	capital funding expended in the previous year in meeting			
		_		
	America Phase I deployment obligations, accompanied			
	blocks indicating where funding was spent. This covers	year two -		
	54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.			
<2024A>	Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?			
<2024B>	Attach list of census blocks indicating where funding wa	as spent in year	Name of Attached Document Listin	ng
	two - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.	, ,	Required Information	
<2025A>	Round 1 or Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?			
<2023A>	Round 1 of Round 2 Recipient of incremental support:			
		,		
<2025B>	Attach geocoded Information for Phase I milestone repo		Name of Attached Document Listin	ng
	year three and Round 2 for year two) - Connect America	a Fund , WC	Required Information	
	Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-			
<2015>	2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 5	54.313(c)(4)		
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Data Collection For	orrier Additional Documentation (Continued) om eturn Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
<2016>	Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)} Certification support used to build broadband t America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}	
<2017A>	Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?	
<2017B>	Attach information for Phase II - 54.313(e)(1) - list of geocoded locations already meeting the 54.309 public interest obligations at the end of calendar year 2015 and total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information
<2018>	cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2015. Attach the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year - 54.313(e)(2)(ii)	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information
<2019>	Recipient certifies that it bid on category one telecommunications and Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Phase II model-based support, and that such bids were at rates reasonably comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for comparable offerings - 54.313(e)(2)(v)	
<2020>	Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 40% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2017 - 54.313(e)(3)	
<2021>	Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 60% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2018 - 54.313(e)(4)	
<2026>	Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 80% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2019 - 54.313(e)(5)	
<2027>	Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 100% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2020 - 54.313(e)(6)	

(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation	FCC Form 481
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Complete the items below to note compliance with five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

	Progress Report on 5 Year Plan		
(3009)	Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)		
(3010A)	Milestone Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)}	Yes - Attach Certifica	280462ms3010.pdf
(3010B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
(3012A)	Community Anchor Institutions {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii)}	No - No New Community Anchors	
(3012B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
(3013)	Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)}	(Yes/No)	
(3014)	If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report	(Yes/No)	
(3015)	Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:  Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications	·	
(3016)	Borrowers)  Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows	~	280462ms3017.pdf
(3017)	If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
(3018)	documentation If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited? If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:	(Yes/No)	
(3019)	Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers		
(3020)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		
(3021)	Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit. If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:		
(3022)	Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers		
(3023)	Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant		
(3024)	Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.		
(3025)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		<b></b>
(3026)	Attach the worksheet listing required information	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	

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(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)	FCC Form 481
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Financial Data Summany	
Financial Data Summary	
(3027) Revenue	
(3028) Operating Expenses	
(3029) Net Income	
(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)	
(3031) Total Assets	
(3032) Total Debt	
(3033) Total Equity	
(3034) Dividends	

(4005) Rural Broadband Experiment Additional Documentation Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
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#### 4005 Rural Broadband Experiment

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations, provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions, and provide a list of locations where broadband has been deployed.

## Public Interest Obligations – FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)

Please address Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission's public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001.

**4001**. Recipient certifies that it is offering broadband to the identified locations meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, latency, usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas?

#### Community Anchor Institutions – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)

**4003a**. RBE participants must provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which they newly deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. On this line, please respond (yes – attach new community anchors, no – no new anchors) to indicate whether this list will be provided.

#### If yes to 4003A, please provide a response for 4003B.

speed and data usage allowances available in the

relevant geographic area.

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<b>4003b</b> . Provide the number, names and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the recipient newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
Broadband Deployment Locations – FCC 14-98 (para	agraph 80)	
<b>4004a</b> . Attach a list of geocoded locations to which broadband has been deployed as of the June 1st immediately preceding the July 1st filing deadline for the FCC Form 481.	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
<b>4004b</b> . Attach evidence demonstrating that the recipient is meeting the relevant public service obligations for the identified locations. Materials must at least detail the pricing, offered broadband	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	

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#### TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

#### Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients

I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.

Name of Reporting Carrier:

Signature of Authorized Officer:

Date

Printed name of Authorized Officer:

Title or position of Authorized Officer:

Telephone number of Authorized Officer:

Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:

Filing Due Date for this form:

Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

Certification - Agent / Carrier Data Collection Form		OM	Form 481 B Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 2013
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#### TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

I certify that (Name of Agent) <u>John Staurulakis</u> , <u>Inc.</u> also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsib agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data providence.	lities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized
Name of Authorized Agent: John Staurulakis, Inc.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: MOUND BAYOU TEL & CO	
Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date: 06/30/2016
Printed name of Authorized Officer: Stephanie Hand	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: Chief Financial Officer	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 6017643463 ext.8080	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 280462	Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2016

## TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

	Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier
	gent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided ata reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.
Name	e of Reporting Carrier: MOUND BAYOU TEL & CO
Name	of Authorized Agent Firm: John Staurulakis, Inc.
Signat	ture of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 06/30/2016
Name	e of Authorized Agent Employee: Lans Chase
ritle o	or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent Staff Director - Regulatory Affairs
Геlерl	hone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: 7705692015 ext.1
Study	Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 280462 Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2016
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Attachments

#### **ATTACHMENT - LINE 112**

# Five-Year Network Improvement Plan and Progress Report

# ATTACHMENT REDACTED IN ENTIRETY

# Demonstration of Complying with Applicable Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules For Voice and Broadband

In establishing this certification in its 2005 ETC Order,<sup>1</sup> the FCC found that an ETC must make "a specific commitment to objective measures to protect consumers." The FCC found that for wireless ETCs, compliance with CTIA's Consumer Code for Wireless Service would satisfy this requirement" and that the sufficiency of other commitments would be considered on a case-by-case basis.<sup>3</sup> In this context, the FCC stated, "to the extent a wireline or wireless ETC applicant is subject to consumer protection obligations under state law, compliance with such laws may meet our requirement."

Mound Bayou Telephone & Communcations, Inc. ("Company") hereby certifies that it is complying with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules. The Company is subject to consumer protection obligations under state law and pursuant to the orders in Mississippi Public Service Commission Docket No. 2005-AD-662. These obligations include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) filing a Local Exchange Tariff pursuant to the requirements of Mississippi Public Service Commission which disclose rates, terms and conditions of service to customers; (2) adherence to state consumer protection requirements governing telephone providers under Title 39 Utilities, Part III Rules and Regulations Governing Public Utility Service, Subpart 1, General Rules, and Subpart 3, Special Rules – Telephone Companies, including requirements

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, Report and Order, FCC 05-46 (rel. Mar. 17, 2005) ("2005 ETC Order").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> *Id.* at para. 28.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> *Id.* The FCC noted that under the CTIA Consumer Code, wireless carriers agree to: "(1) disclose rates and terms of service to customers; (2) make available maps showing where service is generally available; (3) provide contract terms to customers and confirm changes in service; (4) allow a trial period for new service; (5) provide specific disclosures in advertising; (6) separately identify carrier charges from taxes on billing statements; (7) provide customers the right to terminate service for changes to contract terms; (8) provide ready access to customer service; (9) promptly respond to consumer inquiries and complaints received from government agencies; and (10) abide by policies for protection of consumer privacy." *Id.* at n. 71.

for customer service, billing, consumer complaints, rates and charges, and under Miss. Code Ann. Title 77, Chapter 3 statutes; and (3) truth-in-billing requirements; and (4) CPNI, Red Flag Rules and other applicable federal and state requirements governing the protection of customers' privacy.

Company is subject to consumer protection obligations for broadband services under federal law. These obligations include, but are not limited to, the following: public disclosure of accurate information regarding network management practices, performance, and commercial terms of broadband internet access services; as a means of providing sufficient information for consumers to make informed choices regarding use of such services, and for content, application, service and device providers to develop, market, and maintain internet offerings as specified in F.C.C. 47 C.F.R. Part 8 §8.3. The Company furthermore will comply with all requirements set forth in the 2015 Open Internet Order.

### Demonstration of Ability to Function in Emergency Situations for Voice and Broadband

Mound Bayou Telephone & Communications, Inc. ("Company") hereby certifies that it is able to function in emergency situations as set forth in §54.202(a)(2)<sup>1</sup> and pursuant to orders in Mississippi Public Service Commission Docket No. 2005-AD-662. The Company's network is designed to remain functional in emergency situations without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations as required by Section 54.202(a)(2). The Company can reroute traffic around damaged facilities. Changing call routing translations will also allow the Company to manage traffic spikes throughout its network, as emergency situations require.

Specifically, each central office building is supplied with standby generators and battery back-up that enable the central office to keep running until power is restored so long as fuel is available, or until system changes are made to reroute traffic. The Company has battery backup at all office locations and in its electronic equipment sites. Length of run time is determined by the equipment serving the area and the number of customers working out of the equipment. The company's standby generators and battery back-up support both voice and broadband network equipment should an emergency situation occur.

Section 54.202(a)(2) requires ETCs that are designated by the Commission to "demonstrate its ability to remain functional in emergency situations, including a demonstration that it has a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations."

(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data	FCC Form 481
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<702> Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge

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				Residential Local			Mandatory Extended Area	
State	Exchange (ILEC)	SAC (CETC)	Rate Type	Service Rate	State Subscriber Line Charge	State Universal Service Fee	Service Charge	Total per line Rates and Fees
MS	Mound Bayou (OBRA)		FR	16.47	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.47
MS	Mound Bayou BRA ACP		FR	12.03	0.0	0.0	1.62	13.65
MS	Mound Bayou OBRA ACP		FR	13.31	0.0	0.0	1.62	14.93
MS	Mound Bayou Zone 1 (BRA)		FR	16.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.0

(710) Broadband Price Offerings	FCC Form 481
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	State	Exchange (ILEC)	Residential Rate	State Regulated Fees	Total Rates and Fees	Broadband Service - Download Speed (Mbps)	Broadband Service -Upload Speed (Mbps)	Usage Allowance (GB)	Usage Allowance Action Taken When Limit Reached {select}
	MS	ALL	19.95	0.0	19.95	1.0	0.512	999999.0	Other, No Limits on Usage Allowance
	MS	ALL	29.95	0.0	29.95	3.0	0.768	999999.0	Other, No Limits on Usage Allowance
	MS	ALL	39.95	0.0	39.95	5.0	1.024	999999.0	Other, No Limits on Usage Allowance
	MS	ALL	49.95	0.0	49.95	7.0	1.024	999999.0	Other, No Limits on Usage Allowance
	MS	ALL	69.95	0.0	69.95	10.0	1.024	999999.0	Other, No Limits on Usage Allowance
		ALL	119.95	0.0	119.95	25.0	4.0	999999.0	Other, No Limits on Usage Allowance
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(800) Op	perating Companies			FCC Form 481
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<811>	Holding Company	Fail Telecommunication Corporation		
<812>	Operating Company	Mound Bayou Telephone & Communications, In		

<812> Operating Company

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	Fulton Telephone Company, Inc.	280454	
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# MOUND BAYOU TELEPHONE & COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Seventh Revision

**Certificated Area of Bolivar County** 

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Section 2

#### SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGES

#### LOW-INCOME ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

#### **GENERAL**

The Company, as part of its obligations as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier, offers a lowincome assistance program. This program, Lifeline Assistance, is offered under the terms and conditions provided below:

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#### Lifeline Assistance

#### A. General

Lifeline Assistance is a retail service offering available to qualifying low-income subscribers as provided for below. Lifeline Assistance enables eligible subscribers to pay reduced charges for the following package services: voice-grade access to the public switched network; local usage; dual-tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent; single-party service; access to emergency services; access to operator services; access to interexchange service; access to directory assistance; and toll blocking. An eligible customer receives credit for the Low-Income Assistance Program pursuant to FCC Order 12-11 and MPSC Docket 2007-AD-487.

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#### B. Regulations

1. A consumer household is eligible for Lifeline Assistance if the total household income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Lifeline Assistance is also available to households containing at least one household member who participates in at least one of the following programs:

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- a. Medicaid
- b. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly "Food Stamps"

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- c. Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- d. Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
- e. Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- f. Section 8 Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)

- g. National School Lunch Program's Free Lunch Initiative (NSLP)
- 2. Each subscriber to Lifeline Assistance must certify in writing to the Company, under penalty of perjury, that he/she receives benefits under a program outlined in subparagraph B.1., above, or meets the income-based criteria, and must, on the same document, agree to notify the Company if he/she ceases to participate in the qualifying program. The certification form shall conform to the requirements described herein, and shall be made available upon request to any subscriber. The Company shall retain all such subscriber certifications pursuant to FCC Order 12-11 in order to furnish proof of subscriber eligibility as may be required from time to time by Universal Service administrators.

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### Lifeline Assistance (continued)

- B. Regulations (continued)
  - All applications for this service are subject to verifications with the state agency (D) (T) responsible for administration of the qualifying program. The Company may request any additional documentation deemed necessary prior to providing Lifeline benefits such as an administrating agency's official designation of eligibility in a particular means-based program found in sub-paragraph B.1., above, and that the telephone subscriber is the financially responsible party for the qualifying member of his or her household, or that the eligible household member is the telephone subscriber's dependent pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Internal Revenue Service.
  - 4. A subscriber may elect at the time of subscription to Lifeline Assistance to receive toll blocking as part of Lifeline Assistance. "Toll blocking" is a service that permits a subscriber to elect not to allow the completion of outgoing toll calls from the subscriber's residence.
  - Lifeline Assistance will not be disconnected for non-payment of toll charges, 5. however, in the event toll charges are not paid within 10 days of the mailing of the Company bill, the Company will implement toll blocking immediately thereafter. In addition, the Company will not deny re-establishment of local service to customers who are eligible for Lifeline Assistance and have previously been disconnected for nonpayment of toll charges. Lifeline Assistance will not be connected if an outstanding balance is owed by the customer for local service.
  - The Company may not collect a service deposit in order to Initiate Lifeline Assistance if the qualifying low-income subscriber voluntarily elects toll blocking from the Company, where available.

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#### **SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGES**

#### LOW-INCOME ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Lifeline Assistance (continued)

- B. Regulations (continued)
  - 7. The Company will reconcile and confirm all subscribers' eligibility annually pursuant to FCC Order 12-11 by requiring each Lifeline subscriber to respond to and provide proof of continuing program eligibility under penalty or perjury via a FCC-compliant survey that their household continues to meet program eligibility requirements specified in B.1., above. Lifeline subscribers who are determined to be ineligible shall be notified of their ineligibility in writing by the Company and provided 30 days from the date of such notice to rectify or otherwise demonstrate their eligibility prior to the discontinuance of their Lifeline benefits. All unresolved disputes regarding Lifeline eligibility shall be brought to the attention of the MPSC for resolution.
  - 8. Only one Lifeline service is available per residential household pursuant to FCC Order 12-11. A household is any individual or group of individuals who are living together at the same address as one economic unit. A household may include related and unrelated persons. An "economic unit" consists of all adult individuals contributing to and sharing in the income and expenses of a household. An adult is any person eighteen years or older. When an adult having no or minimal income and living with someone who provides financial support to him or her, both people shall be considered part of the same household. Children under the age of eighteen living with their parents or guardians are considered to be part of the same household as their parents or guardians. A household is not permitted to receive Lifeline benefits from multiple providers.
  - 9. A Lifeline customer may subscribe to any local service offering available to other (N) residential customers.
  - 10. The PIC charge will not be billed to Lifeline customers who subscribe to toll (N) blocking and do not presubscribe to a long distance carrier.

NOTE: Section "C. Credits" of this tariff has been moved to Sheet 15.3

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#### **LOW-INCOME ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

#### Lifeline Assistance (continued)

C. Credits (N)

1. The following credits will apply for each customer eligible for Lifeline Assistance.

Monthly Credit

a. Lifeline Credit \$9.25 (C)

b. (D)

2. (D)

3. Partial payments that are received from Lifeline customers shall first be applied to local service charges and then to any outstanding toll charges.

<u>Link-Up</u> (D)

The Link-Up Assistance Program for non-tribal lands has been discontinued pursuant to FCC Order 12-11.

NOTE: Section "C. Credits" of this tariff has been moved to this sheet from Sheet 15.2

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LOW-INCOME ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

<u>Link-Up</u> (D)

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# **Lifeline Assistance Program Application and Certification Form**

First Name: MI:	Last Name:	
Last Four Digits of Social Security Number:	Date	e of Birth:
Physical Address:		
City:	State: MS	Zip:
My Physical Address is ☐ Permanent ☐ Temporary	☐ Multi-l	Household
Billing Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Telephone Number for which Lifeline Credits are to appl	ly:	
persons living together at the same address sharing income a non-transferable benefit. Households receiving Lifeline be be de-enrolled. Prosecution by the federal government for  Are you or any member of your household already received YES NO If yes, please be aware that only of	penefits from this offence is	more than one telephone company will spossible. benefits from a telephone company?
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(Please initial if applicable) I certify that either a below-marked assistance program. I understand I may participation to Mound Bayou Telephone Company (MB).	ust provide	
☐ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) ☐ Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) ☐ National School Lunch Program's Free Lunch Initiativ ☐ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)		caid emental Security Income (SSI) al Public Housing Assistance (Sect 8)
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(Please initial if applicable) I certify that my total Federal Poverty Guidelines. I understand I must provide MBTC.		-



# **Lifeline Assistance Program Application and Certification Form**

I certify under penalty of perjury the following	ng (initial by each certification):
I currently meet Lifeline eligibility	as indicated on Page One of this document.
program eligibility as specified on Page One	s if I or my qualifying household member cease(s) to mee or, for any reason, no longer meet(s) all Lifeline eligibility of comply with this notification requirement under penalty of
If I move to a new address I will no	otify MBTC within 30 days of my move.
If my address is temporary, I und MBTC every 90 days.	derstand that I may be required to verify my address with
	ceiving nor will it receive Lifeline benefits from anothe ace, and Reachout Wireless while enrolled in the Lifelind
	se or fraudulent information to receive Lifeline benefits in de-enrollment and possible program debarment, fines, o
<del></del>	uired to provide proof of continuing program eligibility a C, and any failure to do so, on my part, will result in de m.
Signature of Applicant:	Date:
THIS SPACE RESI	ERVED FOR OFFICE USE
Date of eligibility review:	
Description of applicant's proof of eligibil	ity:
(i.e.: SNAP card, SSI program letter, federal	tax return, three consecutive months of paycheck stubs, etc.)
Proof of applicant's eligibility reviewed by	
•	(MBTC authorized signature required)

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#### LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE TARIFF

#### **GENERAL**

This tariff is governed, except as otherwise specified herein, by the General Exchange Tariff, which is hereby made a part of this tariff. The charges quoted in this tariff are for a period of one month, payable monthly in advance, and entitle the subscriber to local exchange service at the rates shown below.

The rates for Local Exchange Service apply to all customers regardless of whether the communicating devices are rented from the Telephone Company or provided by the subscriber.

#### RATES AND THEIR APPLICATION

INSIDE BASE RATE AREA	LINE ACCESS	
Business – one party	\$ 24.48	(1)
Residence - one party	\$ 16.32	(1)
PBX Trunk	\$ 39.69	(1)
OUTSIDE BASE RATE AREA		
Business – one party	\$ 25.39	
Residence - one party	\$ 16.47	
PBX Trunk	\$ 39.69	(R)

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# Mound Bayou Telephone & Communications, Inc. (SAC 280462) Response to Line 3010 – Milestone Certification (47 CFR §54.313(f)(1)(i))

Mound Bayou Telephone & Communications, Inc. (SAC 280462) hereby certifies that throughout 2015, it took reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of at least 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream, with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol, and usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to comparable offerings in urban areas and that requests for such service are met within a reasonable amount of time. If a request for broadband service at actual speeds of at least 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream is unreasonable, and offering broadband service at actual speeds of at least 4 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream is reasonable, the Company offers broadband service at actual speeds of at least 4 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream.

# ATTACHMENT - LINE 3017 ATTACHMENT REDACTED IN ENTIRETY